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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of)

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Title: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR)
COMBINATION ANTIVIRAL THERAPY)

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This is responsive to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed October 11, 2005. The PTO as Designated/Elected Office has required payment of additional claim fees of \$ 400.00 for 48 claims in excess of 20. Applicants submit a replacement claim set of 41 claims (claims 59-99) by way of this Preliminary Amendment. According to the USPTO 2006 Fee Schedule \$50.00 is due with each claim in excess of twenty; thereby we submit claim fees of \$1050.00 (21 x \$50.00 = \$1050.00). However, if the Commissioner should determine otherwise, he is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to deposit account no.: 07-1250.